



For All Horse Lovers!

Even if you have never owned a horse you can learn about horses and take part in a rewarding opportunity. Unfortunately thousands of horses are slaughtered for human consumption at Canadian slaughterhouses every year.

Horses are bred for meat or often dumped at auction by owners who choose not to humanly euthanize old or injured horses. Often good sound horses end up at the slaughter house due to various circumstances also.

We are not here to debate horse slaughter but to offer ways that local people can help. Just like fostering cats and dogs you can do the same to help horses that were saved from slaughter. Give them proper care and love.

The Meaford Horse Sanctuary offers grooming lessons on rescue horses to introduce you safely to horses. You are also welcome to take pictures and hang out with the horses. Right now with winter in full swing there are many horses that have been pulled from the auction who were destined for slaughter because the only person who wanted to buy them was the meat buyer.

Another fantastic rescue called Stoneridge Stables and Rehoming center has 5 horses right now desperately needing to be bought at cost to give them a loving home. This home may only be a short time and end in humane euthanasia due to horses health concerns but this loving ending is much more humane than being trucked around to the slaughter house.

If you are able to offer a horse a home or simply want to learn more, the Meaford Horse Sanctuary can help get you started. Please contact Rebecca Matthews at 226 568 0334 if you are interested in visiting the rescue horses, able to adopt or foster a horse or would like to fundraise to save a slaughter bound horse in conjunction with an Ontario rescue.

If you know of a horse or other animal in distress please call the animal PAWS line. 1-833-9-ANIMAL ((1-833-926-4625))

Here's to all the amazing local people that are helping animals in our community in loving memory of Zeus, Percheron Stallion. May you fly with the horse angels my friend. Together we can end Horse Slaughter in Canada. Canadian Horse Defence Coalition is a wonderful organization to learn more on the issue. www.canadianhorsedefencecoalition.org

Beaver Valley Fall Fair AGM

The AGM is on Monday January 17th, 7pm, on Zoom. General members will be emailed a meeting link, and anyone else who'd like to join is welcome. email info@beavervalleyfallfair.ca for the link



Calling All Filmmakers!

SUBMISSIONS NOW OPEN FOR BLUE MOUNTAIN FILM

FESTIVAL, June 1-5

Helen du Toit, Executive & Artistic Director, Blue Mountain Film

Festival (BMFF) today announced submissions are open for this year's inaugural Festival, taking place in Blue Mountain from June 1-5, 2022.

The Festival will present 25 feature programs including 2 shorts packages stemming from Canada and around the world - and is planned as both a live and virtual event. Submissions are to be made via FilmFreeway. Early submissions can be made at discounted rates until January 31, 2022. Regular deadline to submit films is January 31, 2022, with a late deadline of February 21, 2022. Additional dates and information can be found at www.bluemtnfilmfest.ca.

The launch of BMFF and the appointment of Helen du Toit as Executive & Artistic Director was announced in December 2021. Film-lovers and filmmakers are invited to connect, be inspired and escape into the mountains to enjoy the very best in international and Canadian cinema. BMFF will host the festival at the Blue Mountain Village Conference Centre with programming details to come.

Inspired and curated by du Toit, BMFF will program films from around the globe -- with a spotlight on Ontario productions -- and welcoming international and Canadian filmmakers to showcase their latest projects to film savvy audiences.

The destination Festival also offers international and domestic film industry professionals the opportunity to come together and share ideas in an idyllic setting during its Creative Forum taking place from June 1-3, 2022.

For more information please contact:

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INTERESTED IN GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN THE TOWN OF THE BLUE MOUNTAINS COMMUNITY?

Consider a Position on the BMRA Board

The Blue Mountains Ratepayers Association (BMRA) is a volunteer, part time organization that advocates on behalf of our members with Town Council and Staff to help maintain and enhance our quality of life.

We are looking to add new Board members, in roles that could be focused on:

- Communications,
- Sustainability, and
- Finance, among others.

Please send us a note at info@bmrateratepayers.com

Current Situation: Day 666

Follow the 3 W's – Wash hands frequently, Watch distance (ideally 6ft), and Wear face covering correctly, and the 2 A's - Avoid Crowds

Testing and case counts reported as of 23:59 hrs, January 11th

All data is preliminary and subject to change.

- 33 new cases reported in past 24 hours in Grey Bruce
- 238 active cases
- 4711 confirmed cases (including 2 lab confirmed cases of the Omicron Variant and hundreds by basic lab indicators and epidemiology)
- 4441 resolved cases
- 11 confirmed local active case(s) hospitalized in Grey Bruce
- 19 deaths in Grey Bruce
- +1 death related to a Grey Bruce resident that acquired the infection and was treated outside of Grey Bruce
- +7 deaths related to Grey Bruce residents that acquired the infection in Grey Bruce however passed away outside of Grey Bruce
- 215 cases reported in health care workers; workers living in Grey Bruce and working both in and outside Grey Bruce

Grey Bruce Health Unit, 101 17th Street East, Owen Sound

Phone: (519) 376-9420, Ext. 1241 Fax: (519) 376-0605

www.publichealthgreybruce.on.ca

The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund

The BMLF is an endowed fund held with the Community Foundation Grey Bruce. The funds are managed by Jarislowsky, Fraser Limited, investment firm. Because a permanent endowment is an invested pool of money that provides a reliable source of income, groups can count on annual distributions for their charitable work. Gifting can begin when the fund reaches \$25,000.

The Legacy Fund was formed in Dec. 2020 to eventually reduce the need for fundraising and to be able to use the investment income. Cheques made out to The Blue Mountain Legacy Fund can be mailed to The Review at Box 387, Thornbury ON N0H 2P0 or dropped off at 22 Louisa Street E. Thornbury.

Community Foundation Grey Bruce will issue charitable tax receipts on behalf of the BMLF. For information call 519-599-3345.



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THE BLUE MOUNTAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY JANUARY PROGRAMS

The Gallery
at L.E. Shore

Exhibit Launch: Salt of the Earth

Jan. 8 | The Gallery at L.E. Shore
Featuring the works of Willy Waterton, presented by The Arts & Culture Council.
Exhibit runs: January 8 - January 27, 2022.
Exhibit Available Online & In-Person.

Canadian Animals Big and Small

Jan. 18 | 10:00am | Zoom | Registration Required
Join wildlife photographer, Jason George, on BMPL Zoom for a trip around the North America as he shares photographs and experiences with many of your favourite animals.



Harvest Table Nutrition Recipe Kit

Jan. 7-31 | Take Home Kit | Registration Required
Learn a plant-based soup and sandwich recipe with Harvest Table Nutrition. Pick up a recipe kit at L.E. Shore Library, while supplies last, and follow along on with the cooking tutorial on YouTube.



Natural Burials Information Session

Jan. 29 | 2:00pm | L.E. Shore | Registration Required
Presented by CANN (Climate Action Now Network).
Learn about natural burials, also known as green burials, and the focus on reducing our environmental impact on the earth.



Adventures in Digital Arts for Youth

Jan. 8 | 10:00am | L.E. Shore | Registration Required
A free tech session will explore Digital Arts using the latest and coolest in tech such as Apple Pencils and Digital Cinema Cameras. A fun-filled session with The Creator Space. Ages 8-13 years.



Seniors Exercise
Mondays | 10:00am
Facebook



101 Things About CHD
Thursdays | 12:00pm

Teen Group
Jan 13 | 5:00pm | L.E. Shore
Fun activities, new friends.
Ages 15-18.

Museum From Home
Mondays | 12:30pm

Story Time in The Gallery
Fridays | 11:00am
L.E. Shore Library

Dorothy Crysler Bird Club
Jan. 15 | 9:30am | Zoom
Learn about our wild avian friends, their habits and habitats.

Kids Clubhouse
Tuesdays | 4:00pm

Fossil Friday
Fridays | 5:00pm



Teen Book Club
Jan 20 | 6:00pm | L.E. Shore
Social book chats and fun.
Ages 15-18.

Wired Wednesday
Wednesdays | 1:00pm
Facebook & YouTube

Trivia Game Night
Fridays | 7:00pm
Facebook



Bedtime Stories
Wednesdays | 7:00pm
Facebook

Pandemic Parenting Group
Jan 30 | 2:00pm
Marsh Street Centre

Tween Group
Jan 27 | 4:00pm | L.E. Shore
Make, explore, lead.
Ages 10-13.



For more information or to register for events visit the **Event Calendar** on our website.
www.TheBlueMountainsLibrary.ca

Ontario Continues to Add Hospital Beds and Build Up Health Workforce Province

Expanding Opportunities for Internationally Educated Nurses to Support Pandemic Response

The Ontario government is continuing to accelerate its efforts to add hospital beds and build up the province's health care workforce to ensure patients can continue to access the health care they need when they need it.

The province is collaborating with Ontario Health (OH) and the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) on initiatives to deploy internationally educated nurses to hospitals and other health care settings in need of staffing support to work as part of a team under the supervision of a regulated health care provider, such as a registered nurse or doctor. More than 1,200 internationally educated CNO applicants have expressed interest in participating in these initiatives so far and matching with health-care providers is expected to begin later this week, with onboarding new staff in the weeks ahead.

Expanding opportunities for internationally educated nurses is one more way Ontario is increasing the health care workforce. Since March 2020, the government has launched emergency programs that have already added over 6,700 health care professionals to the system, including acute care settings, long-term care homes and home and community care settings that help to preserve hospital capacity. These programs will also provide hospitals with the capacity to add another 6,000 additional providers to high-need hospitals to support staffing pressures due to COVID-19 by March 31, 2022, including the deployment of nursing students and other health care providers-in-training.

Ontario has also built unprecedented hospital capacity since the start of the pandemic, including \$5.1 billion to add 3,100 beds across the province for a total of approximately 17,000 medical and surgical beds. Through additional investments, the province now has a total of 2,436 adult and paediatric ICU beds. Approximately 600 ICU beds remain available today, with the ability to add nearly 500 additional beds if required.

These ongoing initiatives build on the government's commitment as part of the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review: Build Ontario to invest \$342 million over the next five years through immediate and longer-term recruitment initiatives which would add over 13,000 workers to Ontario's health care system. This includes over 5,000 new and upskilled registered nurses and registered practical nurses as well as 8,000 personal support workers.

Quick Facts

- In response to recent trends that show a rapid increase in COVID-19 hospitalizations, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, has temporarily moved the province into Step Two of its Roadmap to Reopen with modifications that take into account the province's successful vaccination efforts.
- In 2020, there were 20,678 internationally educated nurses registered and eligible to practice in Ontario. This represented 12.2% of Ontario's nursing workforce in 2020, up from 10.3% of in 2010.
- The province has also reinstated Directive #2 for hospitals and regulated health professionals, which instructs them to temporarily pause all non-emergent and non-urgent surgeries and procedures in order to preserve critical care and human resource capacity. While this was not an easy decision, this time-limited measure will help preserve and increase hospital bed capacity by making between 1,200 to 1,500 acute/post-acute beds available as needed.
- To date, over 5,100 Ontarians have registered through the Ontario COVID-19 Volunteer Portal and the Health Workforce Matching Portal and have answered the province's call to arms to businesses, volunteers and retired health professionals to help further boost capacity to administer vaccines and get more boosters into arms sooner.

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THE BLUE MOUNTAINS PUBLIC LIBRARY LIBRARY NEWS

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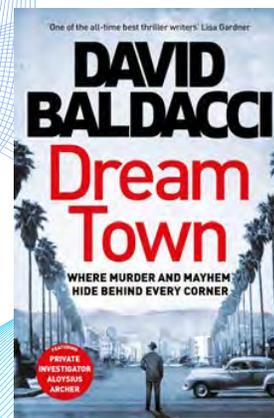
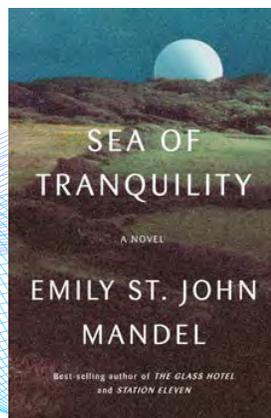
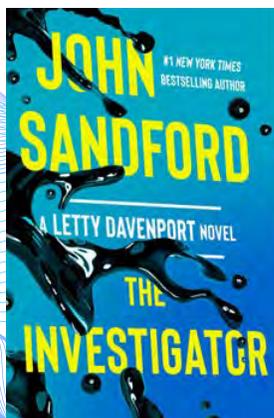
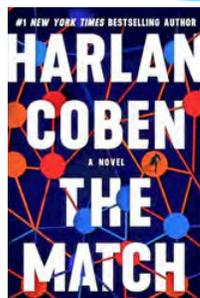
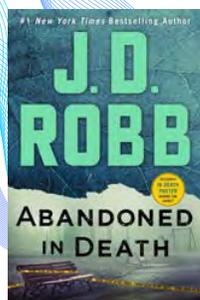
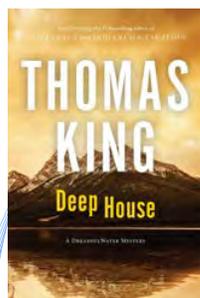
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Most Anticipated 2022 Fiction

Happy New Year! For our dedicated readers, 2022 brings new books – and it looks like it is going to be a great year in publishing! Library staff have put together a list of our most anticipated reads for 2022.

- **Deep House** by Thomas King - **January 18:** In the follow-up to *OBSIDIAN*, a Globe and Mail Favourite of 2020, Thumps Dreadful Water returns with wit and humour to solve a mystery that only King could create.
- **Violeta** by Isabel Allende - **January 25:** Tells the epic story of Violeta del Valle, a woman whose life spans one hundred years and bears witness to the greatest upheavals of the 20th century.
- **Abandoned in Death** by J.D. Robb - **February 8:** Homicide detective Eve Dallas must untangle a twisted family history while a hostage's life hangs in the balance.
- **The Match** by Harlan Coben - **March 15:** A man with a childhood shrouded in mystery who appeared one day with no memory of how he got there, uncovers a major break in the case that may hold the key to revealing the truth of his origins. But the discovery links him with a present-day disappearance and presumed suicide that is much more than at first it appears.
- **Diamond Eye** by Kate Quinn - **March 29:** An unforgettable WWII tale of a quiet librarian who becomes history's deadliest female sniper.
- **Investigator** by John Sandford - **April 12:** Introducing a new Sandford series! Letty Davenport, the brilliant and tenacious adopted daughter of Lucas Davenport, takes the investigative reins in the newest thriller.
- **Sea of Tranquility** by Emily St. John Mandel - **April 19:** A seemingly disparate array of people come into contact with a time-traveller who must resist the pull to change the past and the future.
- **Dream Town** by David Baldacci - **April 19:** Aloysius Archer #3, Private Investigator and ex-World War II veteran Aloysius Archer heads to Los Angeles, the city where dreams are made and shattered.



Chilling Winter Mysteries

There is something about the cold weather that makes me want to sip a hot drink, curl up by the fire, and read a good mystery novel while the snow falls outside. Here is a list of mysteries and thrillers to lose yourself in this season. All set in the cold winter months.

This Month In the Gallery

Exhibit Launch: *Salt of the Earth*

January 8 - January 27, 2022

The Arts and Culture Council presents "*Salt of the Earth*", an exhibition featuring the photography of Willy Waterton.

This exhibit is available in-person at L.E. Shore and online on our [Exhibits webpage](#). All purchases can be taken in-person at L.E. Shore, via phone by calling 519-599-3681 ext. 5, and by emailing TheGallery@TheBlueMountains.ca.



ACC Presents: *Salt of the Earth*

Willy Waterton will be walking you through the exhibit currently showing in The Gallery *Salt of the Earth*. "A decent, dependable, unpretentious person, this phrase describes the people of Bruce and Grey Counties of Ontario, with whom I had the honour and privilege to spend time with and photograph over the last 40 years. The photographs document a way of life that has vanished or is disappearing from this place we call home." - Willy Waterton

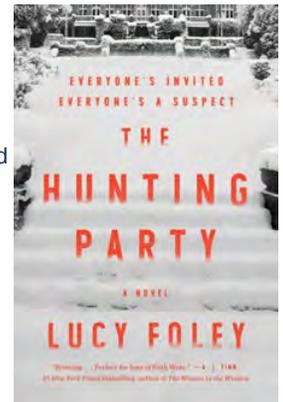
This ACC Presents takes place on January 11, 2022 at 7:00pm and will not be rebroadcast. [Register online](#).

Celebrating the Colour Purple

The 2022 Salon Show will open on Saturday, January 29th and run through Friday, February 24th with a theme of The Colour Purple. All art should meet this theme.

Applications are [available for download](#) or paper copies are available at The Gallery at L.E. Shore. Applications may be submitted anytime between now and Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:00pm. All artwork must be delivered to The Gallery at L.E. Shore on Thursday, January 27th. Up to 3 pieces may be submitted for inclusion in this exhibit, each of which must meet the Conditions to Exhibit listed on the application.

***The Hunting Party* by Lucy Foley:** A group of friends go away to an idyllic and isolated estate in the Scottish Highlands to celebrate New Year's together. They arrive on December 30th, just before a historic blizzard seals the lodge off from the outside world. Two days later, on New Year's Day, one of them is dead.



***One by One* by Ruth Ware:** Getting snowed in at a luxurious ski chalet high in the French Alps doesn't sound like the worst problem in the world. Unless that company happens to be eight coworkers...each with something to gain, something to lose, and something to hide. As each hour passes without any sign of rescue, panic mounts, the chalet grows colder, and the group dwindles further...one by one

***The Sanatorium* by Sarah Pearse:** Half-hidden by forest and overshadowed by peaks, Le Sommet has always been a sinister place. Long plagued by troubling rumors, the former abandoned sanatorium has since been renovated into a five-star minimalist hotel. A woman goes missing, then another. With the storm closing off all access to the hotel, the remaining guests start to panic.

***An Unwanted Guest* by Shari Lapena:** It's winter in the Catskills and the weather outside is frightful, but an Inn is so delightful! When the weather takes a turn for the worse and a blizzard cuts off the electricity-- and all contact with the outside world-- the guests settle in for the long haul. Soon, though, a body turns up-- surely an accident. When a second body appears, they start to panic. Within the snowed-in paradise, something-- or someone-- is picking off the guests.

***The Mist* by Ragnar Jónasson:** An isolated farmhouse in the east of Iceland. The snowstorm should have shut everybody out. But it didn't. The couple should never have let him in but they did. An unexpected guest, a liar, a killer. Not all will survive.

***Drive your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead* by Olga Tokarczuk:** In a remote Polish village, a neighbor turns up dead. Soon other bodies are discovered, in increasingly strange circumstances. As suspicions mount, our protagonist, Janina, inserts herself into the investigation, certain that she knows whodunnit. If only anyone would pay her mind...

Board Corner

The Strategic Plan Phase I and II have now been completed. The raw data of these phases is available on the [Community Consultation](#) page. The draft pillars and goals will be presented to the Board at the January 20, 2022 board meeting and these will then be tested in our [final survey](#), which will be launched later this month.

Thank you to the 1,898 participants who have participated in our conversations, focus groups, micro-surveys, and post-it note activity in 2021. Together we have developed a strong draft plan.

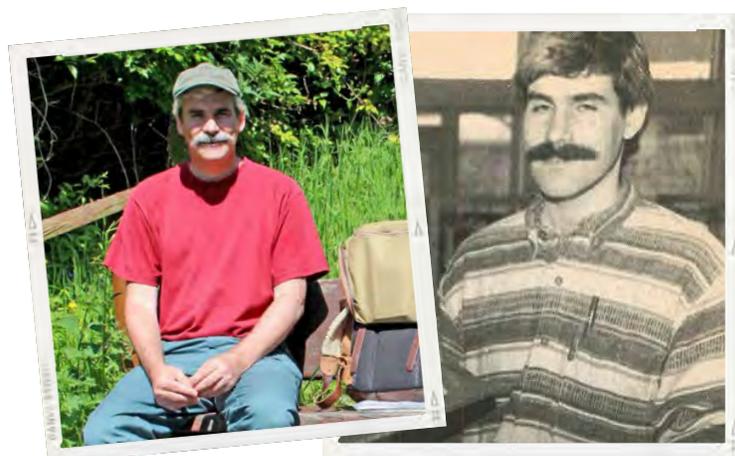
The Board would also like to [welcome Andrea Matrosovs](#) to the Board as the Council rep. She will take the place of the late Rob Potter and be with us until the end of this Board term.



Welcome Home

BMPL is happy to have Ken Haigh return as a part-time front line staff at the L.E. Shore Branch. For those of you who don't remember, Ken was the first CEO of L.E. Shore when the building opened in 1995. Following his retirement from Collingwood Public Library, Ken has joined us for Winter '22.

If you missed out on [Ken's Author Talk](#) in December, check it out on our [YouTube channel](#). Hear the inspiration, writing and publishing process for Ken's newest novel and learn about the L.E. Shore Library building's history and his time as CEO.



BMPL in Modified Step 2

Based on the *Modified Step 2 of the Roadmap to Reopen*, BMPL has some adjustments to our hours and access. LES is currently open for regular browsing. We ask our community to take all precautions: masking, hand washing, hand sanitizing, and to not enter when sick. Additionally, it is recommended that time be limited on site by not lounging in the building.

CHD has moved to curbside only and, per regulations, the museum has been closed to the public. Virtual exhibits are still available and this is a great time to explore the [Virtual Museum](#).

Hours have been adjusted to minimize onsite cross over of staffing, and to begin some staff as Work from Home to

enhance our virtual programs. For those looking for less contact, consider holds pick up, or having your items sent to CHD for Curbside Pickup.

It is our intention to remain open as long as (1) it is safe to do so, and (2) BMPL has the staffing available. This wave is expected to put most households into self-isolation at some point, and that will undoubtedly impact our ability to open.

Please continue to view our [Service Updates & COVID-19](#) page which has the most up to date services changes and announcements. We expect this winter to include many changes as we proceed through the global pandemic.



Our [Virtual Branch](#) is open 24/7.

Have a question? We're here for you!

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CHD Hours- CURBSIDE ONLY
Tues / Thu / Fri: 12pm-5pm
Sun: 12pm-4pm

[Please check our Service Updates for the most updated hours](#)



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Notice of Public Meeting

With regard to Proposed Revisions to the Procedural By-law 2021-76 as it relates to Timelines Associated with the Release of Agendas

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to receive comments on the proposed changes to the Procedural By-law 2021-76 as it relates to the timelines associated with the release of Agendas.

Additional information regarding the proposed changes can be accessed via **“Staff Report FAF.21.197 Proposed Revisions to Procedural By-law as it relates to the Timelines Associated with the Release of Agendas”** included on the November 23, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole Agenda. Staff are proposing:

1. Move the timeline for the release of Agendas to Monday at 3:00 pm (one week in advance of the meeting) from the current Wednesday at 3:00 pm (five days in advance of the meeting)
2. Move the deadline for submission of correspondence or a deputation request to Friday at 9:00 am (ten days in advance of the meeting) from the current Monday at 9:00 am (one week in advance)
3. Move the deadline for submission of correspondence or deputations following release of an Agenda to Wednesday at 12:00 pm noon (five days in advance of the meeting), from the current Friday at 12:00 pm noon (three days in advance)

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the proposed changes has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After considering the comments received from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

Any person or agency may provide comments on this matter in writing or verbally at the Public Meeting. Comments at the Public Meeting assist the Town and Council in their decision-making process, so be sure to have your say!

How do I submit my comments?

Written Comments – You are encouraged to provide your comments or questions in writing using email or regular letter mail to the Town Clerk. Written comments received by **January 21, 2022** will be read by the Town Clerk at the Public Meeting for the benefit of everyone in attendance and will be included in the record of the Public Meeting.

Comments can be faxed to 519-599-7723, or emailed to townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Any submitted comments become part of the **public record**, including names and addresses.

CANCELLED - Verbal Comments – This Public Meeting is a hybrid meeting, allowing the public to attend the meeting in person or virtually. Those that wish to make verbal comments **virtually** are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk, no later than five business days in advance of the Public Meeting, by **January 17, 2022**.

Anyone wishing to provide their verbal comments **in person** at the Public Meeting, can attend the Town Hall, Council Chamber. Those providing their comments in person, are required to follow the Public Health Guidelines of the Town, as recommended by the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

Want to be notified of a decision?

You must make a request in writing to the Town Clerk if you would like to be notified of a decision on this proposal to:

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Town Hall, Box 310, 32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

Fax: 519-599-7723 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Corrina Giles, Town Clerk

Phone: 519-599-3131 ext. 232

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This document can be made available in other accessible formats as soon as practicable and upon request.



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Notice of Public Meeting

Revisions to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

Staff are recommending repealing and replacing the current Sale and Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02, to include revisions that will make the process clearer and more efficient.

The revised draft Policy and supporting process supports Council's direction not to consider any request to sell Town owned waterfront property.

Staff are suggesting that where land has been identified as a Road Allowance, Street, Laneway, Fire Lane or is of a size that is deemed not to be a building lot, it shall be Registered on Title that there shall be no future requests for building permits or variances considered for the subject lands because of it being acquiring from the Town and to protect the overall feel and character of the local area.

The current Policy allows for exclusions for land formerly used for railway lines. Staff suggest that this reference be removed the land that was formerly a railway line, in most cases, is currently the alignment of the Georgian Trail. For the exception of those sections of trail that have an existing realignment, staff recommend that no sale of lands that are part of the former railway line should be considered for potential disposition or surplus in the foreseeable future.

Town staff recommend a process where twice per year consideration may be brought forward to consider lands surplus with the purpose being to dispose of land from the Town's current land inventory.

For more detailed information about the proposed revisions and to view a copy of the proposed Policy, please download the following staff report:

[FAF.21.178 Revisions to the Town's Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy POL.COR.07.02](#)

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When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on these Policy revisions has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the revisions to the Sale and Other Disposition of Land Policy and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

How can I make my views known about this proposal?

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Fax: 519-599-7723 townclerk@thebluemountains.ca

Questions? Want more information? Ask a Staff Member!

Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

Phone: 519-599-3131 ext.234 or

Email: cao@thebluemountains.ca

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Update on Operations & Response to Modified Step Two

In response to the Provincial announcement regarding the return to Modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen, the Town of The Blue Mountains would like to advise that select municipal facilities will be closed to the public until further notice.

Facility closures include Town Hall, Beaver Valley Community Centre and Arena, Craighleith Community Centre and Ravenna Hall.

During the facility closures, Town staff continue to be available to assist residents over the phone and by email during regular business hours. In addition, various online services can be accessed 24/7 by visiting: www.thebluemountains.ca/online-services

Please review the following information for updates related to specific Town services:

The Town Landfill and Recycling Depot will remain open for public use. Enhanced physical distancing and capacity limits will be enforced to ensure the safety of staff and visitors. All visitors to the site are reminded that masks must be worn at all times. For more information, please visit the garbage and recycling webpage: www.thebluemountains.ca/resident-services/garbage-recycling-waste

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Notice of Public Meeting

Revisions to the Corporate Hiring of Employees Policy POL.COR.07.06

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Virtual/Online

Town Hall, Council Chambers

32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

Staff are recommending repealing and replacing the current Hiring of Employees Policy, POL.COR.07.06, to include revisions that will provide efficiencies to the current recruitment and selection process. Recommended revisions include:

1. Updates to employee status definitions to provide more clarity on Permanent, Temporary, and Seasonal employment types.
2. An additional statement on legislative requirements under the Ontario Human Rights Code and Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and how the Town complies with the Integrated Standards Regulation and removing barriers throughout the recruitment cycle and upon hire.
3. An additional statement that unionized positions will be posted in accordance with their Collective Agreement. Committee of the Whole Meeting November 16, 2021, FAF.21.191 Page 5 of 7.
4. Updates to Job Posting and Advertising timelines and requirements that incorporate new strategies and flexibility to allow staff to be more responsive to staffing needs in a constantly changing and competitive labour market.

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Building Division inspections will continue; however, all building permit inspections will require that enclosed structures be vacant during the inspection. Please plan accordingly and ensure contractors are aware ahead of the scheduled inspection time. For more information, please contact the Building Department and visit the Building Inspections webpage:

www.thebluemountains.ca/inspections

The Blue Mountains Public Library L.E. Shore branch will be open for browsing, but patrons are asked to limit their time in the building. Computer access and study tables will remain available. All onsite programs have been cancelled until regulations allow for gathering indoors.

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm

Saturday 10:00am - 2:00pm

The Craighleith Heritage Depot is moving to curbside service and per the new regulations, the museum access is closed. Library materials will still be available through holds pick up.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 12:00 - 5:00pm

Sunday 12:00-4:00pm

Please check the Blue Mountains Public Library website for more info www.thebluemountainslibrary.ca

"During the temporary facility closures, the Town will continue to prioritize service delivery and customer service to all residents and stakeholders" explained Chief Administrative Officer, Shawn Everitt. "I would like to thank all residents for their continued patience and understanding as we navigate through the current challenges imposed by the pandemic."

For more information, please contact:
Shawn Everitt, Chief Administrative Officer

For more detailed information about the proposed revisions and to view a copy of the proposed Policy, please download the following staff report:

[FAF.21.191 Review of Corporate Hiring of Employees, Lieu and Overtime, and Vacation Policies](#)

<https://pub-bluemountains.escribemeetings.com/FileStream.ashx?DocumentId=7765>

Note: Date of the Public Meeting referenced in the staff report was modified to January 24, 2021 during the meeting the report was presented to Council.

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on these Policy revisions has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the revisions to the Hiring of Employees Policy and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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Sarah Traynor, Manager of Human Resources

Phone: 519-599-3131 ext.244 or

Email: hr@thebluemountains.ca

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Notice of Public Meeting

With regard to the 2022 Draft Budget and 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget

Monday, February 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid Format - In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the 2022 Draft Budget and supporting Tax Rate Changes as well as the 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget.

Notice is hereby given that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains, at its regularly scheduled Council meeting on Monday, February 28, 2022, intends to adopt the Estimated Revenues and Expenditures for all departments of the Town for the year 2022 and intends to adopt the 2022 Water and Wastewater Budget.

Copies of the 2022 Draft Budget and the 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget will be available through the Town's website, www.thebluemountains.ca

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the 2022 Draft Budget and 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the 2022 Draft Budget and 2022 Draft Water and Wastewater Budget and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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Ruth Prince, Director of Finance and IT Services;
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Draft 2022 Budget Timeline

Council has directed staff to revise the draft 2022 Budget timeline to the following:

1. December 13, 2021 Council Meeting – all recommendations from the Special Committee of the Whole Budget Meetings provided to Council for consideration.
2. January 17, 2022 Council Meeting - Staff to provide Council with a REVISED draft 2022 budget book for final endorsement before proceeding to the Public Meeting.
3. February 7, 2022 Council, Public Meetings – Public Meeting to receive comments on the draft 2022 Budget
4. February 15, 2022 Committee of the Whole – Followup report from Public Meeting considered by Committee of the Whole
5. February 28, 2022 Council – recommendations from February 15 Committee of the Whole considered by Council. Consider adoption of the 2022 Budget By-law

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Notice of Public Meeting

With regard to amendments to By-law 2021-15 for the Imposition and Collection of Fees and Charges for Certain Municipal Services and Activities, amendments to By-law 2021-18 for the Solid Waste Management Fees, amendments to By-law 2021-17 for Planning Matters and Engineering Services, amendments to By-law 2021-16 for the Imposition of Water Charges and Sewer Charges and amendments to By-law 2002-08 for The Swimming Pool Fence By-law

Monday, February 7, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid Format In-Person AND Virtual/Online
Town Hall, Council Chambers
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON N0H 2P0

What is being proposed?

The Blue Mountains Council will be holding a Public Meeting to provide information to the public and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed amendments to the Fees and Charges By-law, Solid Waste Management Fees By-law, Planning Matters and Engineering Services By-law and Water Charges and Sewer Charges By-law and the Swimming Pool Fence Bylaw.

It is proposed that Council will consider enactment of these revised By-laws at its regularly scheduled Council Meeting on **Monday, February 28, 2022.**

Copies of the proposed amendments to the By-laws will be available through the Town's website, www.thebluemountains.ca

When will a decision be made?

It is important to note that a decision on the By-laws has NOT been made at this point and will NOT be made at this Public Meeting. After reviewing the By-laws and comments from the public, Staff will bring its recommendations to a future Committee of the Whole Meeting.

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2022 Winter Parking Restrictions and Resident Snow Removal

The Town of The Blue Mountains would like to remind residents that Winter Parking Restrictions came into effect on November 1, 2021. In accordance with the Highway Traffic Act and Town By-law No. 2003-11, overnight parking is prohibited on all Town streets from 2:00 am to 7:00 am. Winter Parking Restrictions will remain in effect until April 1, 2022.

In addition, residents are reminded that Town By-law No. 2014-65 prohibits the deposit of snow or ice onto a Town roadway, including the shoulder, sidewalk, walkway, boulevard, or ditch, without written permission from the Director of Operations.

Winter parking and snow removal restrictions are necessary to help ensure that snow removal operations can be completed safely and effectively. The Town would like to thank all residents for their cooperation throughout the winter season.



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Ontario Providing Supports for Small Businesses, Workers and Families

Province's plan includes \$10,000 grant for eligible small businesses and additional electricity-rate relief.

The Ontario government is providing targeted relief for businesses and people impacted by the current public health measures aimed at blunting the spread of the Omicron variant. As part of this plan, the government is introducing a \$10,000 grant for eligible businesses that are subject to closures under the modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen and is providing additional electricity-rate relief for businesses, as well as workers and families spending more time at home.

As part of a comprehensive plan to support workers and businesses, the government is announcing an Ontario COVID-19 Small Business Relief Grant for small businesses that are subject to closure under the modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen. It will provide eligible small businesses with a grant payment of \$10,000.

Eligible small businesses include:

- Restaurants and bars;
- Facilities for indoor sports and recreational fitness activities (including fitness centres and gyms);
- Performing arts and cinemas;
- Museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions;
- Meeting or event spaces;
- Tour and guide services;
- Conference centres and convention centres;
- Driving instruction for individuals; and
- Before- and after- school programs.

Eligible businesses that qualified for the Ontario Small Business Support Grant and that are subject to closure under modified Step Two of the Roadmap to Reopen will be pre-screened to verify eligibility and will not need to apply to the new program. Newly established and newly eligible small businesses will need to apply once the application portal opens in the coming weeks. Small businesses that qualify can expect to receive their payment in February.

The Ontario government is also providing electricity-rate relief to support small businesses, as well as workers and families spending more time at home while the province is in Modified Step Two. For 21 days starting at 12:01 am on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, electricity prices will be set 24 hours a day at the current off-peak rate of 8.2 cents per kilowatt-hour, which is less than half the cost of the current on-peak rate. The off-peak rate will apply automatically to residential, small businesses and farms who pay regulated rates set by the Ontario Energy Board and get a bill from a utility and will benefit customers on both Time-of-Use and Tiered rate plans.

Further, online applications for the previously-announced Ontario Business Costs Rebate Program will open on January 18. This program will provide eligible businesses that are required to close or reduce capacity with rebate payments for up to 100 per cent of the property tax and energy costs they incur while subject to public health measures in response to the Omicron variant.

Eligible businesses required to close for indoor activities, such as restaurants and gyms, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 100 per cent of their costs. Those required to reduce capacity to 50 per cent, such as smaller retail stores, will receive a rebate payment equivalent to 50 per cent of their costs. A complete list of eligible businesses will be provided prior to the launch of the application portal.

The government is also improving cash flows for Ontario businesses by providing up to \$7.5 billion through a six-month interest- and penalty-free period starting January 1, 2022 for Ontario businesses to make payments for most provincially administered taxes. This supports businesses now and provides the flexibility they will need for long-term planning.

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Grey County Notice of Public Meeting: 'Housekeeping' Official Plan Amendment #11

The new Grey County Official Plan was approved by the Province on June 6, 2019 and came into effect on June 7, 2019. Since that time, staff have identified some changes that are required to the Plan. The changes include updating recent population and employment growth projections from the County's 2021 Growth Management Strategy Update.

Other proposed changes are 'housekeeping' matters to fix some discrepancies, clarify other policies, or to correct mapping errors. The County is inviting comments on proposed Official Plan Amendment #11, either in writing (email / letter) or verbally at our public meeting on February 3, 2022.

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 3, 2022

Meeting Time: 1:30 P.M.

Meeting Location: Please note this meeting will occur online via Zoom. The meeting can be accessed via Zoom link, phone-in, or livestreamed via the County's YouTube channel. To register to speak at the meeting please contact planning@grey.ca or 519-372-0219 extension 1232

Find a copy of the draft 'Housekeeping' Official Plan Amendment # 11 online:

A copy of the proposed 'Housekeeping' Official Plan Amendment and additional background information can be found on Grey County's website at <https://www.grey.ca/programs-initiatives/proposed-county-official-plan-amendment-11>.

A hard copy can also be mailed should you require a hard copy. Please note that the Grey County Administration Building is currently closed to the public and staff are working remotely. Staff are checking mail and answering any calls or emails.

A key map has not been provided because the 'Housekeeping' Official Plan Amendment # 11 covers various parts throughout the County.

For more information or to submit comments on this matter please contact the County of Grey at the contact information listed below.

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Grey Sauble's Board of Directors cordially invites you to our 2022 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday January 26, 2022 via Webex web-based application

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12:45pm: Welcome

12:50pm: AGM Commences

- Remarks from the Chair
- Guest Speaker - John Anderson
- Greetings from Guests
- Election of GSCA Chair and Vice-Chair for 2021

About 1:50pm: 15 Minutes Break - Guests are welcome to stay or depart to other priorities

About 2:05pm: Resume Regular Business Agenda

Please RSVP to Valerie Coleman by January 19th, 2022
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Government extends loan forgiveness repayment deadline for the Canada Emergency Business Account

The Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) program has provided interest-free, partially forgivable loans to nearly 900,000 small businesses and not-for-profit organizations to help them navigate the pandemic and remain resilient. However, the Omicron variant has delayed the recovery for businesses in many parts of the country.

The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and the Honourable Mary Ng, Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development, announced that the repayment deadline for CEBA loans to qualify for partial loan forgiveness is being extended from December 31, 2022, to December 31, 2023, for all eligible borrowers in good standing.

This extension will support short-term economic recovery and offer greater repayment flexibility to small businesses and not-for-profit organizations, many of which are facing continued challenges due to the pandemic. Repayment on or before the new deadline of December 31, 2023, will result in loan forgiveness of up to a third of

the value of the loans (meaning up to \$20,000).

Outstanding loans would subsequently convert to two-year term loans with interest of 5 per cent per annum commencing on January 1, 2024, with the loans fully due by December 31, 2025.

The government is also announcing that the repayment deadline to qualify for partial forgiveness for CEBA-equivalent lending through the Regional Relief and Recovery Fund is extended to December 31, 2023.

The CEBA program was open for applications from April 9, 2020, to June 30, 2021. It has provided more than \$49 billion in liquidity to over 898,000 Canadian businesses.

CEBA provides interest-free loans of up to \$60,000 to small businesses to help cover their operating costs during a time where their revenues have been reduced. These loans are partially forgivable. With the extension announced today, repaying the balance of the loan on or before December 31, 2023, will result in loan forgiveness of up to 33 per cent (up to \$20,000).

The \$2 billion Regional Relief and Recovery Fund, operated through Regional Development Agencies, has been a key support for businesses unable to access other federal pandemic support programs.



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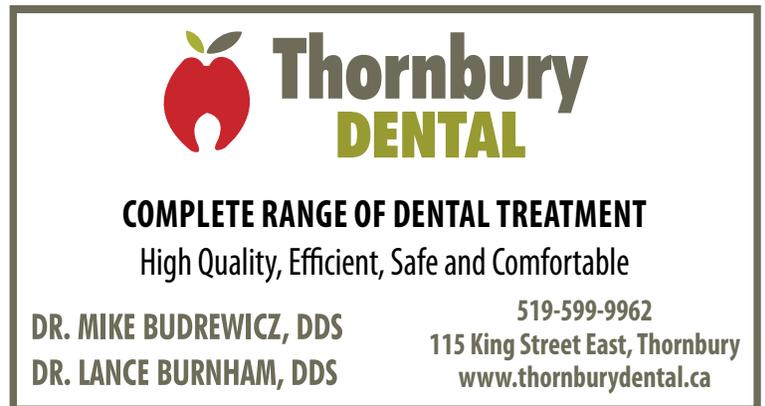
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